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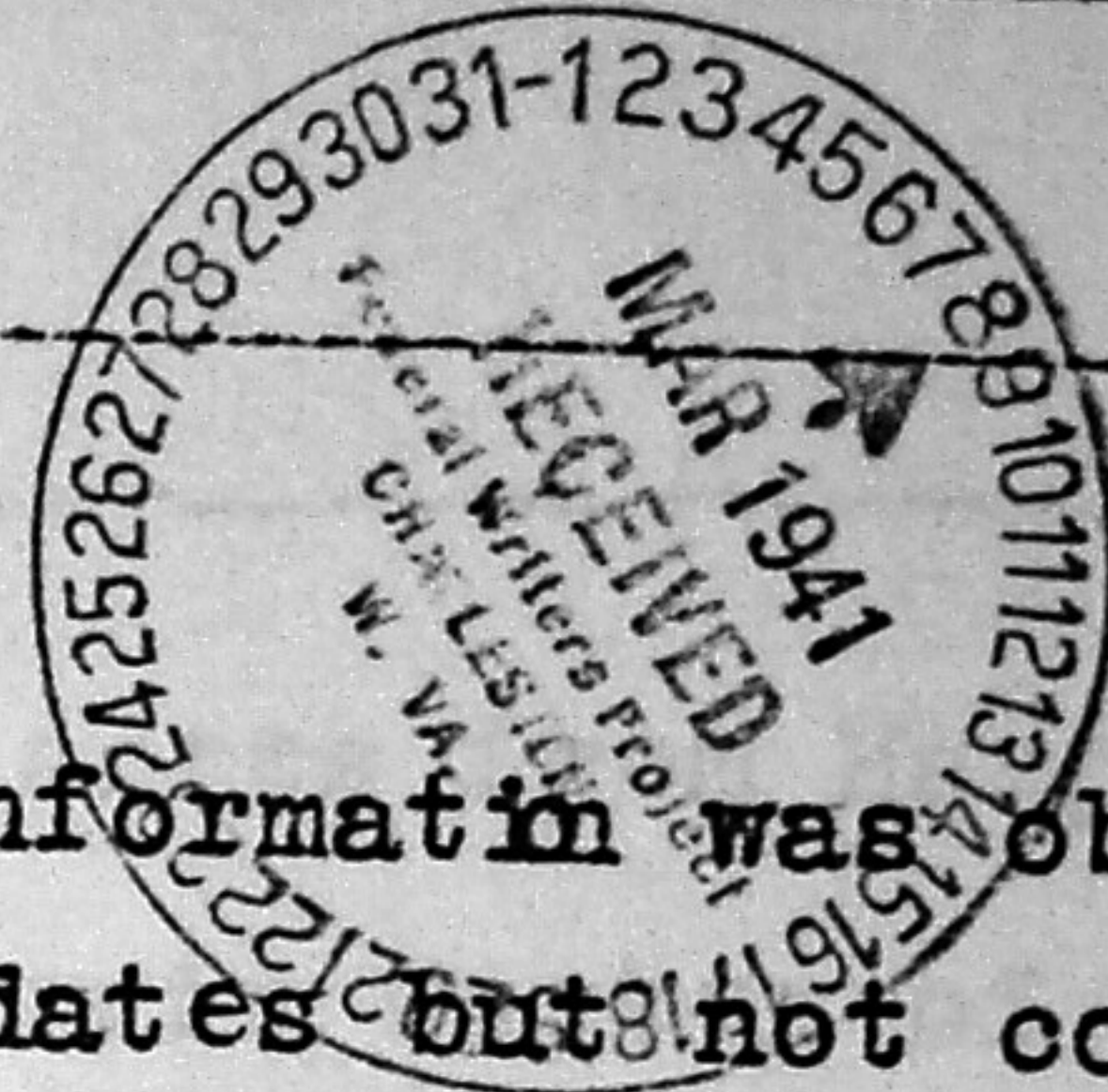
Harper Adkison. Marlinton. ''

G. A. McNeel. Hillsboro. ''

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Some of this information was obtained before above dates but not complete.



Commerce & Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas Co.

In 1906 a man by the name of Rider from Pa. bought timber on Stamp-
Creek from Wallace Ruckman 72 acres for \$ 200.00 and 70 acres from Fffie
Sharp for \$ 200.00 Rider set his circular mill on the Sharp farm and employed
Harry, Ernest & Frank Harper of Hillsboro to do the skidding the teamsters were
Willis Hill, Romey Dorman and Penick Ryder, the cook was William C McClune. Lloyd
McIlwain of Webster Co. was killed by a falling tree in the cutting of the timber.

Inf. Penick Ryder. Millpoint. W. Va.

D. E Ruckman. " "

In 1919 F. H Williams bought the timber on 25 acres from Harper Adkison
of near Marlinton in the Kee Flats and set his mill. Marvin Carter of Marlinton
contracted the skidding. This was mostly Oak and Chestnut. This was sawed by James
Collins as sawyer.

Inf-Harper Adkison Marlinton W. Va.

Russel Lumber Co. A Heading Mill.

In 1903 this Co. operated on Dry Creek and on the James McNeill farm
Russel was from Elkins, John W Dallas was from Pa. Calvin Madison of Pa. was Supt.
and Daniel Hoffman of Elkins was sawyer. Emery Adkison and Cragon Grimes of Mill-
point worked for them. G. A McNeel hauled heading to the Buckeye station for ship-
ment out over the C & O.

Inf. G. A McNeel. Hillsboro. W. Va.

A. W McNeill. Buckeye. W. Va.

Greenbrier Lumber Co.

John Alexander set his circular mill across the Greenbrier River from the
fair grounds to saw for this Co. Alexander had teams but hired some skidding
done so he hired Edgar L Smith and Sherman Pyles of near Watoga, they skidded
as far down the river as the hollow below Stillwell, and here Smith killed his
team as he put them over the log dump or landing they fell close 100 feet almost
straight down (NO Date)

Inf. E. L Smith. Watoga. W. Va.

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- Lumber -

/19/In 1919 James Collins of Campbelltown who had a circular mill saw-
for the Williams & Pifer Lumber Co. located at Marlinton the main men in
the Williams & Pifer Lum.Co.were E.H Williams and A.C Pifer of Marlinton bes-
ides some stockholders.Collins set his mill on the Crooked Fork of Elk on the
W.H Dilley tract.This timber was cut and skidded by W.E& Divers Sharp of Lau-
rel Creek.They sawed 125.000 for W.& P Lum.Co.by the thousand.and in the spri-
ng of 1920 Collins sawed for Williams & Pifer on the W.A Varner tract later own-
ed by James Gibson,this was cut and skidded by James Gibson at this set they
sawed 300.000 and in 1921 Collins set his mill on the Clark Hannah farm but
getting most of the timber from W.A Varner and it was at this set that Clark&
Hugh Hannah bought this mill from Collins and they hired Pete Wilfong and J.V
McKenney to do the sawing Wilfong of Stonybottom and McKenney of near Edray.

Clark Hannah and Hugh set the mill on the Jake Gibson farm and sawed
logs from the Sam Galford farm the Jake Gibson farm and some on Clark Hannahs
farm on the Gibson Knob,this set was sawed by Pete Wilfong and skidded by Cl-
ark Hannah.

This lumber was handled by I.B Bumgardner of Stonybottom.W.Va.

In 1922 & 23 the mill was moved to Hugh Hannahs and here they cut 200.
000 and here Clark sold out to Hugh.This set was logged by C.G McGuire, Veo Ha-
annah and Harry Varner and upon completion the mill was sold to H.Shearer.

Information.C.G McGuire.Marlington.W.Va.

Harry Varner. " "
Harland Gibson. " "